

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present invention is directed to a process for preparing fine zeolite particles and a detergent composition comprising the same.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Boyer for indicating that claims 17, 18, 23 and 25-28 are allowed as the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the specific molar ratios of alkaline earth metals. Applicants have now amended claims 19-22, 24 and 29-32, to be dependent from allowed claim 17. As the Examiner has found the method of claim 17 to be both novel and non-obvious, the method of Claims 19-22, 24 and 29-32, as amended is likewise novel and non-obvious.

The rejection of claims 19-22, 24, and 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Verduijn U.S. 5,017,353 is moot.

Applicants have now amended claim 19 to be dependent on claim 17, which recites a specific molar ratio of alkaline earth metal, not taught by the prior art. Accordingly the withdrawal of the rejection under this section of the statute is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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